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This Petition is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account # 133577 in the amount required by 37 CFR 1.17(h).

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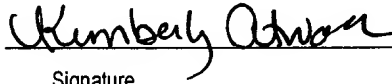
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